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ABC COMMISSION APPROVES ABC STORES REQUESTED BY GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON ABC BOARDS

RALEIGH – The three-member North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission met today and approved new ABC stores requested by the ABC boards of Greensboro and Lexington:

- The new Greensboro store will be a leased location at 5701 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro. It will be an additional store for Greensboro ABC.
- The Lexington store location is being purchased by the board at 1705 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington. It will replace a nearby leased location.

Other action by the Commission included approval of separate requests for exemptions:

- Andrew Leager (Boylan Bridge Brewpub/Hargett Hill Distillery). Exemption allows ownership of both distillery and brewpub as long as no Hargett Hill distillery products are sold at the Boylan Bridge retail location.
- Robert L. Powers (Crown Imports & three 7-Eleven Stores). Allows Mr. Powers to hold permit as beer and wine representative as long as he does not sell to the retail outlets in which he has a business interest.
- William M. Kotis III, (Pig Pounder, Kotis Holdings). Allows sale of Pig Pounder Brewery beer at up to four of the retail locations in which he has ownership interest and up to 5,000 barrel production.

As a part of the permanent rule approval process, the Commission held a public hearing on the proposed permanent rules for in-stand beer sales and growlers. No members of the public spoke, and the hearing was closed.

The Commission also took action on 67 permit violations, levying fines in excess of \$80,000 and/or imposing suspensions of five days or more on businesses that hold permits to sell alcohol in the state. Fines are due July 11, and suspensions begin July 18.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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